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SUBJ: VISAS FOR REGIONAL OFFICERS

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1. EMBASSY FULLY APPRECIATES PROBLEM DISCUSSED IN REFTTEL BUT HOPES SITUATION IMPROVING FOR GABONESE VISAS. FIRST, GOG HAS EMBASSY IN ABIDJAN. SECOND, RECENT EXPERIENCE OF RHUDO REP VOTAW WHO RECEIVED SINGLE ENTRY VISA WITHIN 48 HOURS LEADS US TO BELIEVE GOG EMBASSY ABIDJAN NOW RELATIVELY FORTHCOMING ON VISA ISSUANCE, PARTICULARLY

IN CASES OF INDIVIDUALS "WELL KNOWN" WHICH SHOULD BE THE CASE WITH REGIONAL REPS.

2. DESPITE FOREGOING WE FACE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF OBTAINING GOG VISAS FOR AMERICANS AND OVER PAST THREE YEARS HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF DEMARCHES ON SUBJECT. PROBLEM REMAINS AS GOG CONTINUES TO REQUIRE INITIAL ISSUANCE OF MOST VISAS BE CLEARED WITH LIBREVILLE.

3. IN CASE OF VISITORS, LIKE REGIONAL REPS, WHO TRAVEL TO GABON FREQUENTLY, EMBASSY FOLLOWS POLICY OF REQUESTING AND USUALLY RECEIVES ONE-YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC AMERICAN VISITORS IF VISITOR REMAINS IN GABON A SUFFICIENT LENGTH OF TIME FOR VISA ISSUANCE,
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USUALLY 3-4 WORKING DAYS.

4. EMBASSY WILL USE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTTEL TO
MAKE ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION ON VISAS TO GOG.
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